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SUBJECT: FRG MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO GREECE

1. ON FEBRUARY 13 A FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL ADVISED US THAT THE FRG MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR GREECE WOULD AMOUNT TO DM 60 MILLION. THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTED THE FOREIGN OFFICE DURING THE COURSE OF THE JANUARY DISCUSSIONS HELD IN ATHENS. THIS WILL BE THE FOURTH TRANCHE AGREEMENT WITH THE GREEKS AND WILL EXTEND OVER AN EIGHTEEN-MONTH PERIOD. FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES THE BUNDESTAG DEFENSE AND FINANCE COMMITTEES HAVE ALREADY APPROVED THIS MILITARY AID PACKAGE FOR GREECE, AND ONLY SOMETHING MOST UNUSUAL COULD CHANGE THE PARAMETERS OF THE PROGRAM.

2. IT IS NOT YET KNOWN HOW MUCH OF THE GRANT ASSISTANCE WILL BE NEW OR SURPLUS MATERIAL. THESE DETAILS WILL BE DECIDED UPON WHEN A GREEK DELEGATION VISITS BONN NEXT MONTH TO INSPECT THE GERMAN ARMS WHICH HAVE CONFIDENTIAL

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BEEN OFFERED AND DECIDE WHICH ONES TO ACCEPT.

3. JANUARY DISCUSSIONS IN ATHENS CONCERNED ONLY THE
FRG DEFENSE AID PROGRAM. THERE WERE NO DISCUSSIONS ON
WHAT THE GREEKS MIGHT WISH TO PURCHASE ON A COMMERCIAL
BASIS. OUR SOURCE SAID THAT THE FRG WOULD HAVE NO
OBJECTION TO SUCH COMMERCIAL SALES SINCE THEY WOULD BE
DESTINED FOR A NATO ALLY.

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